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1. Communist Party of India (CPI) leaders Rajeshwar Rao, Kanen Sen, Bhabani Sen, \* E. M. S. Nampoothripad and one Ratha\*\* of Bombay, held a series of meetings on 10 - 11 March 1951 in an attempt to:
  - a. obtain the cooperation of Jai Prakash Narain in an All-India Railroad, post and telegraph strike;
  - b. obtain Nehru's reaction to a possible change in CPI tactics.
2. The leaders met secretly with Narain and Asoka Mehta at the Royal Hotel on 10 March. Narain's conditions for cooperation were, however, unacceptable to the CPI.\*\*\* Accordingly, the next day the leaders, meeting at the house of Nirmal Sen Gupta,\*\*\*\* 1 Keeling Lane, decided to go ahead with the strike without the Socialists, but with the other United Front members.\*\*\*\*\*
3. On 11 March the leaders, with the aid of friendly unidentified Members of Parliament, sent representatives to ask Nehru to consider the CPI case for renewed Civil Rights if CPI tactics were changed. Nehru told the representatives that nothing could be done immediately because of Rajagopalachari's adamant stand against the CPI; but that if the CPI would change its tactics and work quietly, Nehru himself would consider the CPI case.
4. From this, the CPI leaders concluded that Nehru was bluffing, that his cooperation could not be counted on, and that CPI tactics would have to be changed.
5. Dr. Kanen Sen and Rajeswar Rao left Delhi on 12 March to confer with CPI leaders in Bombay for the purpose of working out the details and date of the proposed strike. Sen and Rao expect to reach a decision within 15 days.

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\* Comment. Kanen Ghosh traveled as secretary to B. Sen but did not attend the meetings.

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\*\* Comment. May possibly be Routh, (fnu), Paidyanath Rath, or U.A. Rao. See

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\*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] unable to report what conditions Narain laid down.

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\*\*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. The CPI has directed Sen Gupta to make contacts with important foreigners, including those from Britain and the United States. His responsible position in All-India Radio gives him ample opportunity to carry out this directive.

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\*\*\*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. These CPI leaders believe that if the strike were started, it would be helpful in breaking the strength of the Socialist Party among Indian labor, since many workers might rally to the CPI leadership if it appeared that the strike might be successful.

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